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MEMORANDUM FOR []

SUBJECT: Text of proposed telegram to U. S. diplomatic missions
in London, Paris, Rome, Ankara, etc.

1. In accordance with one of the suggestions which you made to me on the occasion of our conversation of yesterday morning, I have given some thought to the desirability of having the Department of State dispatch a roundrobin cable to our diplomatic missions in a number of key countries in order to provide them with information and guidance as to what they should and should not say concerning Albanian developments. I have concluded that it would be very desirable for the Department to dispatch such a communication, and moreover the text of this communication should be carefully noted by the personnel of the respective geographic desks in the Department. The following is the text of a cable which I should like to propose:

"Reference Department's Circular Airgram June ____.

"In view of early announcement in Paris of an Albanian National Committee comprised of leading political emigres and probable rising interest of other diplomatic missions at your post in Albanian situation, Department desires that you should express United States satisfaction with the formation of such an emigre Albanian committee, but point out that we do not propose to regard committee as government-in-exile. You might also state that it is our hope that this Albanian committee may be able to achieve a political reorientation of their government by their own independent efforts, and that in any case it might prove useful as rallying point in event of collapse Hoxha regime and resulting chaotic conditions with all attendant dangers to international peace. For your information only, the United States will give considerable moral support to the committee in the hope that these Albanians will be able to accomplish some constructive results. You should be careful to avoid any discussion beyond these lines which might tend to involve the United States to an extent which is not warranted."

2. The purposes of the cable are self-evident--it would not only serve to put a stop to undesirable statements, but provide positive

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guidance in the form of a line to be followed which is calculated to allay suspicion and minimize speculation.

3. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this matter, and whether there is anything more that I can do to be of assistance.

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